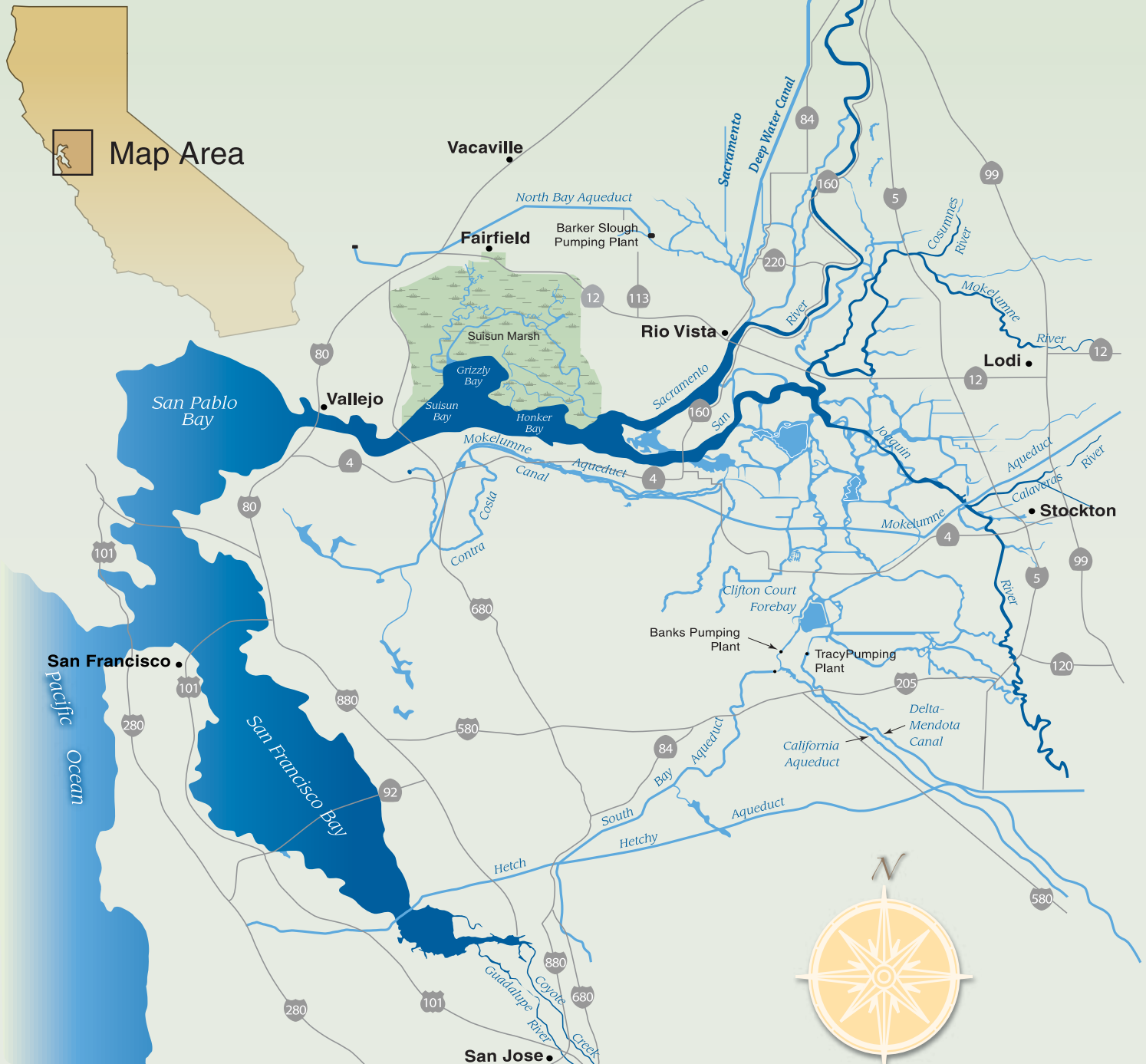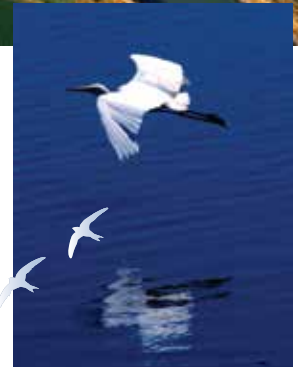# the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta

## FACTS

**Area:**
The Bay-Delta is the West Coast's largest estuary, with 57 major reclaimed islands and numerous unleveed channel islands.

**Land Use:**
425,700 acres - Irrigated Agriculture
64,000 acres - Urban & Commercial
61,000 acres - Open Water

Map Area

Vacaville

North Bay Aqueduct

Barker Slough Pumping Plant

Fairfield

Suisun Marsh

Rio Vista

Sacramento

Deep Water Canal

Sacramento River

Grizzly Bay

Suisun Bay

Honker Bay

San Pablo Bay

Vallejo

Mokelumne River

Cosumnes River

Mokelumne River

Lodi

Mokelumne Canal

San Joaquin River

Contra Costa

Aqueduct

Clifton Court Forebay

Banks Pumping Plant

Tracy Pumping Plant

Stockton

Calaveras River

California Aqueduct

Delta-Mendota Canal

San Joaquin River

San Francisco

Pacific Ocean

San Francisco Bay

South Bay Aqueduct

Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct

Guadalupe River

Coyote Creek

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# the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta

## FACTS

1. **Population:** 571,000 (2010 Census)

2. **Counties:** Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Yolo, Alamenda

3. **History:** The Delta was once a mosaic of tidal marshes and riverside forest. Early settlers built levees and drained the land for farming.

4. **Levees (total mileage, 1987):** 1,100

5. **Rivers flowing into the Delta:** Sacramento, San Joaquin, Mokelumne, Cosumnes, and Calaveras

6. **Diversion directly from the Delta:** State Water Project, Federal Central Valley Project, Contra Costa Canal, North Bay Aqueduct, City of Vallejo, Western Delta Industry, 1.800+ Agricultural Users

7. **Water Supply:** Drinking water for 25 million people; supports California's nearly $2 trillion dollar economy (fifth largest in the world) and $43.5 billion dollar agricultural industry (nation's number one).

8. **Agriculture (2009):** The Delta's average annual gross value for agriculture is more than $702 million in corn, grain, hay, sugar beets, alfalfa, pasture, tomatoes, asparagus, safflower, a range of fruits and more.

9. **Wildlife:** 52 mammals, 22 reptiles and amphibians species, 225 birds, and 54 species of fish. The Delta is also home to approximately 260 invasive species of plants and animals.

10. **Recreation:** Over 12 million visitors annually. There are 290 shoreline recreational areas, 300 marinas, and about 500,000 boaters. The Delta has 57,000 acres of navigable waterways. *(Figures from the Department of Boating and Waterways)*

11. **Major Sport Fish:***
    American Shad
    Bass (Striped, Smallmouth, Largemouth, Spotted)
    Black Crappie
    Chinook Salmon
    Catfish (Channel, Blue, White, Black Bullhead, Brown Bullhead)
    Starry Flounder
    Steelhead
    Sunfish (Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Redear, Green)
    Tule Perch

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*Before fishing in the Delta, Always check with the California Department of Fish & Game *(www.dfg.ca.gov)* for regulations regarding particular fish species and specific license requirements for the region.